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# First of all --- THE PLAN

This book of Selected Small Homes is issued at a time of increasing interest in home building and home ownership. Never before has it been possible, with relatively the same investment, to obtain so much in comfort and in smart, stylish appearance.

The search for the "right" home is frequently long drawn out and difficult, for the "right" home must suit individual tastes and meet every requirement.

The home builder of today should note at the very beginning that certain conditions must be observed if his venture is to be successful and pleasant. Chief among these conditions is the strict necessity for good blue-printed plans and specifications.

Small homes cannot be built without first being accurately planned. In the absence of a plan and specifications mistakes will certainly happen. The builder can escape the embarrassment and burden of a bill for "extras" only by using proper plans. The misfit homes in every community were planned while they were being built.

It is our belief that you will find the plans suggested in this book sufficiently flexible and appropriate to solve your building problems. The plans shown have all been skillfully designed, and if good materials and workmanship are used, they will be a joy and a blessing forever to their prospective occupants.

We, as your lumber dealer, can furnish on short notice, working blueprints of any house design shown in "Selected Small Homes," also the approximate cost of any design illustrated.

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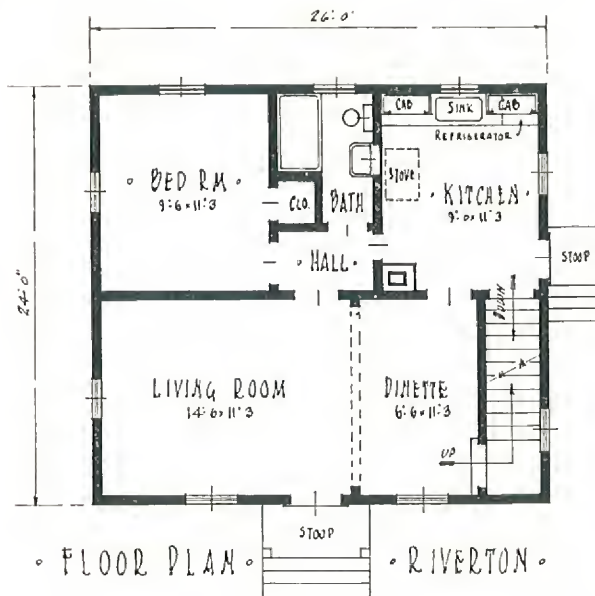


# The RIVERTON

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FOUR  
ROOMS

26 x 24  
FEET



"The easiest way to save money," writes a young married man, "is to have definite payments to make. So we are building a small bungalow of Colonial design, with space for a future bedroom or two overhead."

This bungalow is ideal for the young couple with such a plan; for if the family grows and demands more space, additional rooms may be economically finished in the attic without even adding a dormer.

The floor plan is excellent and provides every comfort that contributes to modern home life.

(14,350 Cubic Feet)

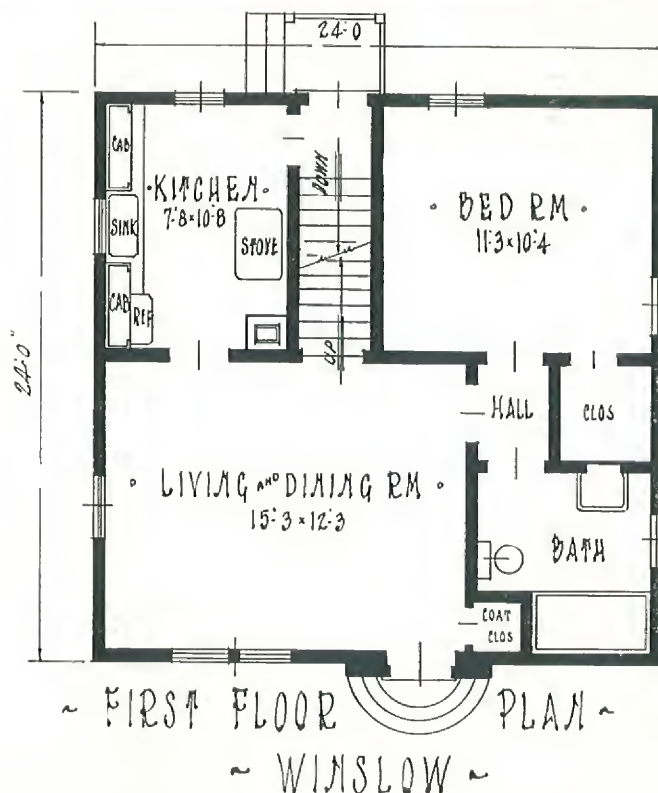


THREE  
ROOMS

24 x 24  
FEET

If you are looking for the smallest and least expensive house a two-person family can buy, consider this one carefully. The shingled sides, the neat brick front steps, the roof lines broken with a gable, bespeak a house of charm. The combination living and dining room, of goodly size will look good to one who has existed in a kitchenette apartment. The bedroom in the quietest part of the house, the kitchen well equipped with cabinets, the coat closet at front entrance, the good sized bathroom—these features combine with others to make this an ideal home at minimum cost. Later on a bedroom and bath may be finished on the second floor.

(12,400 Cubic Feet)



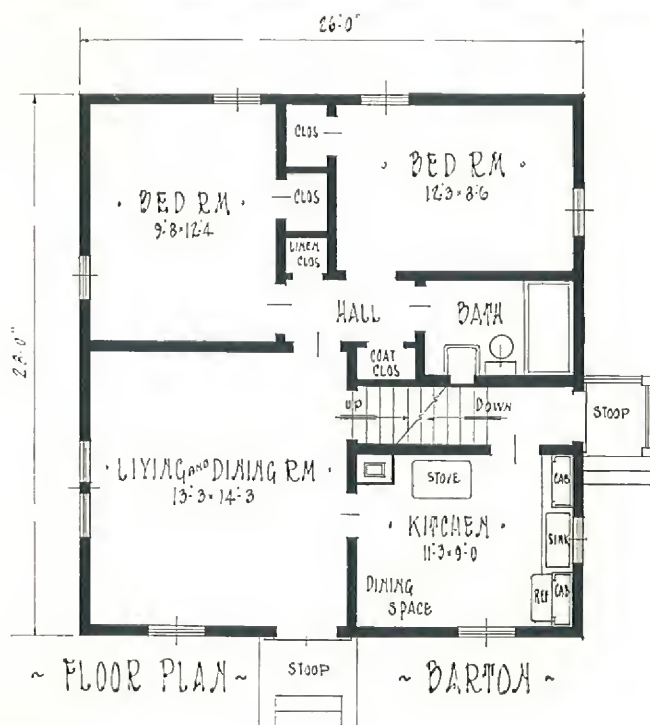


# The BARTON

SELECTED SMALL HOMES

FOUR  
ROOMS

26 x 28  
FEET



This especially interesting low-cost home says to the home builder of limited means "choose me," and with good reason. Its attractive entrance, shutters to be painted to match the roof and clapboard sides beckon the homelover inside. The combination living and dining room, reached easily from the kitchen, answers a double purpose. The two bedrooms, convenient to bath, look out upon the back yard, which the proud owner will convert into lawn and garden. Here the sleeper will not be disturbed by street noises. There's a large attic too, and no costly roof dormer needed for the attic stairs. Yes, this is a little gem of a house which ordinary rent will pay for.

(15,250 Cubic Feet)



FOUR  
ROOMS

28x24  
FEET

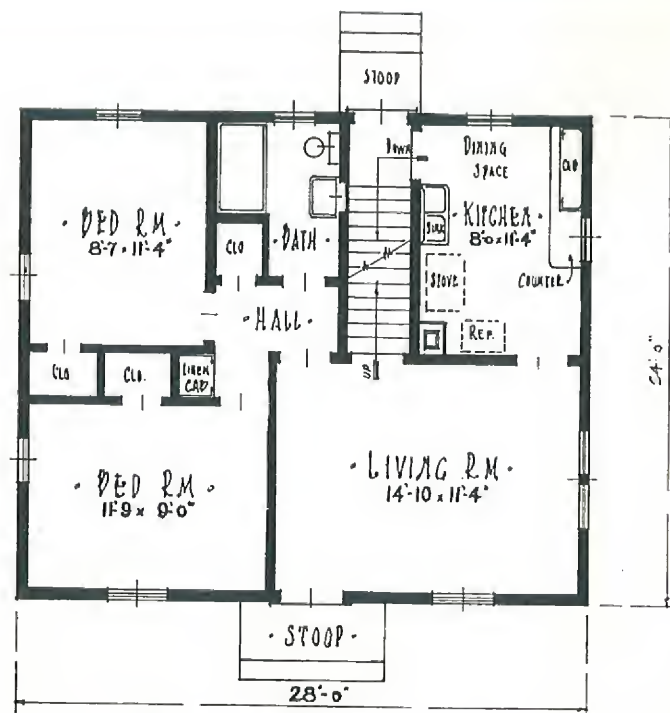
Beautiful as a new streamlined car is this charming home. The style is Colonial — yearly becoming more popular.

The cost of this beautiful home will be a pleasant surprise. It has every modern convenience, yet fits the family with the modest income.

Due to careful planning, this home is surprisingly roomy. There is a stairway to the attic, where additional bedrooms may be finished later on if necessary.

Landscaped and planted, this home will be a credit to any neighborhood.

(15,200 Cubic Feet)



• FIRST FLOOR PLAN •  
• WAYNE •

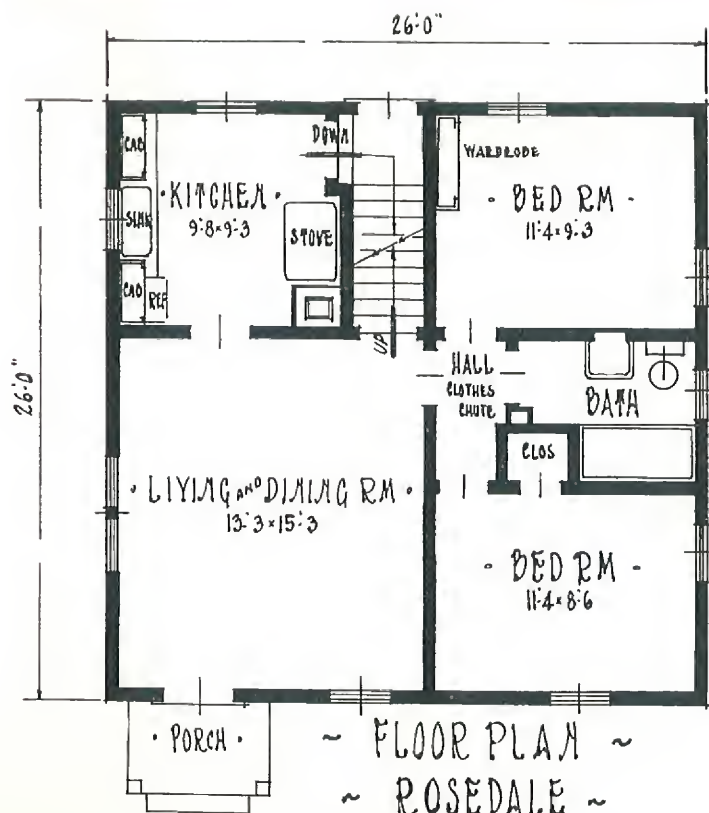


# The ROSEDALE

SELECTED SMALL HOMES

FOUR  
ROOMS

26 x 26  
FEET



There is a lot of comfort and convenience packed into this little low cost home for a couple. The combination living and dining room meets a dual purpose. The kitchen is large enough to answer every purpose of a small family—and small enough to save hundreds of steps daily. Two bedrooms are not common to a house of this size, yet they are here. And the attic provides space into which to grow. The exterior may be clapboards or shingles. A nice little home, this, for the family who has to count its dollars carefully, and yet who desires the satisfaction of being owners instead of renters.

(15,450 Cubic Feet)





FIVE  
ROOMS

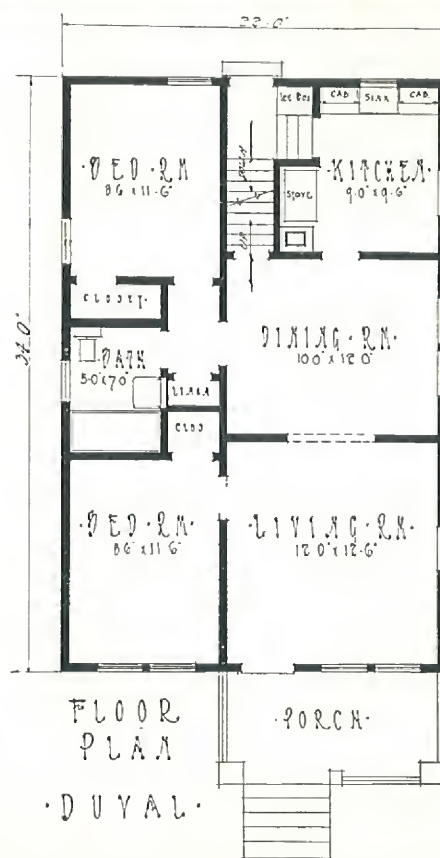
22 x 34  
FEET

Small, compact, simple in design and with a simple gable roof, this bungalow is most economical to build; yet it does have one extravagance, a front porch. Many home builders prefer to economize elsewhere than to give up that great American institution often called "the out-door living room." The brick columns on the porch corners give a touch of color and add much to the attractiveness of the exterior.

This house will fit a small city lot. The rooms are conveniently arranged with easy access to one another. In the kitchen we have a chimney and a recess for the stove. The platform next to the rear entrance is an ideal position for the refrigerator; the ice chamber can be filled from the outside. At grade level the rear entrance communicates directly with the basement.

There is room in the basement for heating plant, coal bin, laundry and a workshop or recreation room. The latter room nicely finished and floored with wood can be just as comfortable and attractive as any room in the house.

(14,950 Cubic Feet)

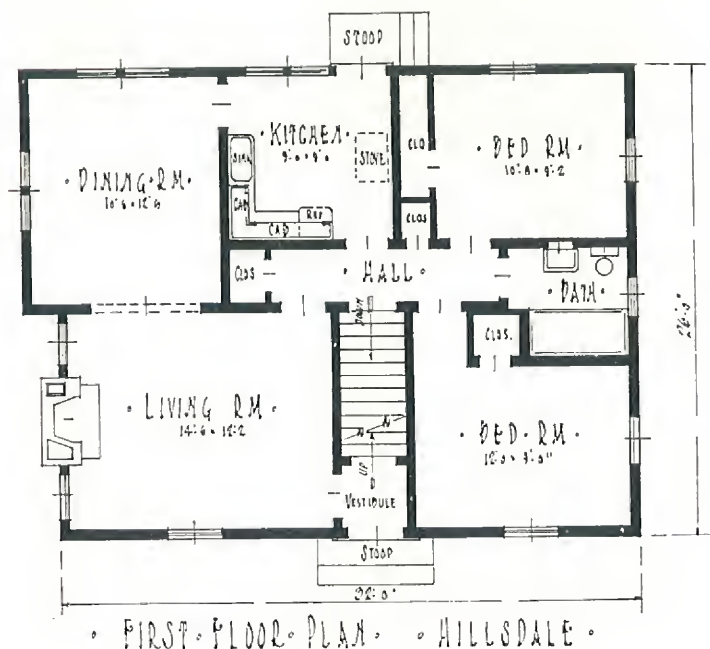


# The HILLSDALE

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FIVE  
ROOMS

34 x 26  
FEET



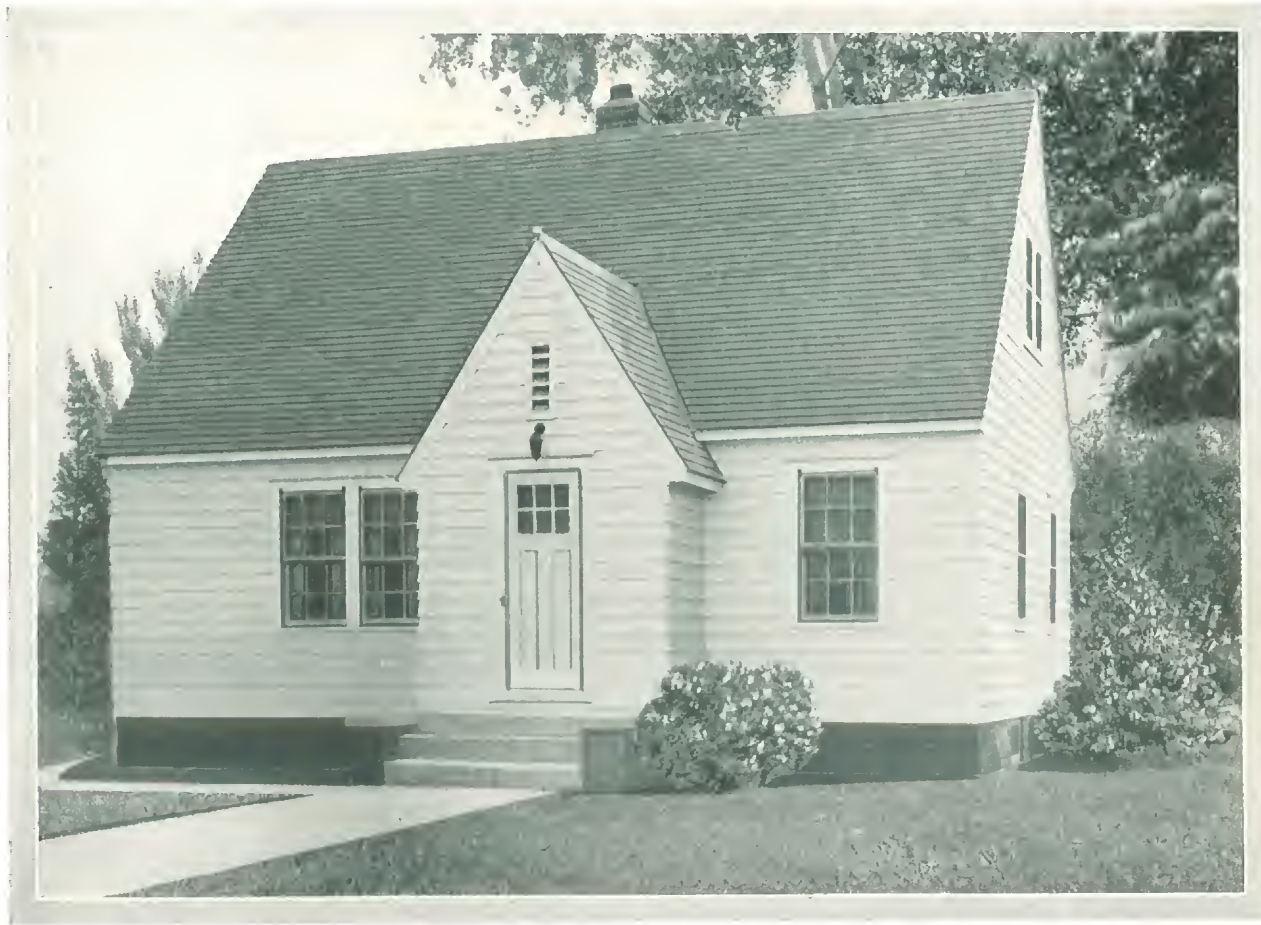
"Give me a simple bungalow with a cheery fireplace," writes a bride to her mother, "and I'll make a charming home of it. Let it have plenty of closets, too, and a small step-saving kitchen. Oh, yes, later on the children will need small rooms of their own, so let's build space upstairs that can be finished off and papered with colorful fairies, brownies and toy balloons."

"With a nice dry basement and big windows in area ways, I'll have a play room downstairs. Put the oil heater off at the chimney end to give plenty of room for laundry and vegetable room besides."

Thus a bungalow like this one becomes a three story house.

(19,650 Cubic Feet)





FOUR  
ROOMS

28 x 24  
FEET

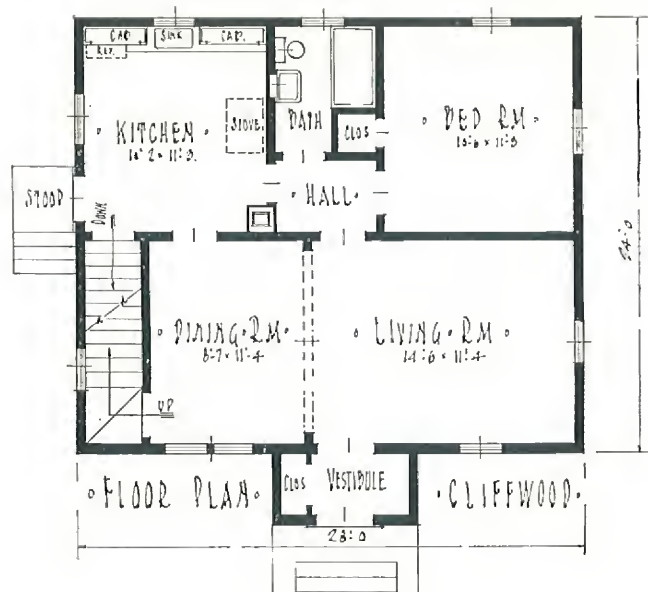
Just the right size for a pair of newlyweds, this attractive bungalow has space in the attic for a future bedroom or two, which can be completely finished without altering present outside walls. House, lot, taxes, heating and upkeep costs are all in keeping with many a newlywed's income.

The bridegroom will like the recessed bathtub where he can have his morning shower, and the bride will enjoy her colorfully decorated kitchen with lots of light at the sink.

Next to the chimney in the hallway she can place a tall chest of drawers for linen or have a linen closet built in.

Simple arrangement, attractive appearance, economical for materials and labor to build, this home merits the careful consideration of those with a modest income.

(16,000 Cubic Feet)



# The SELKIRK

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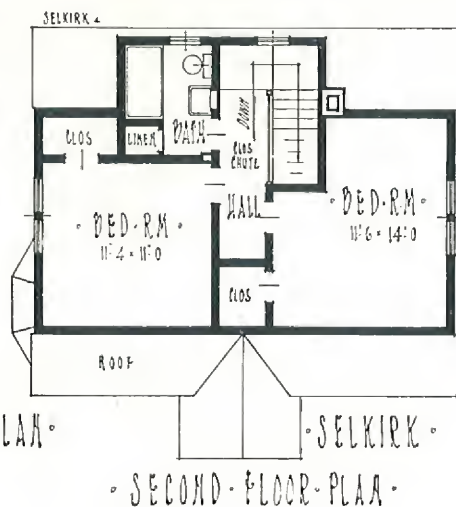
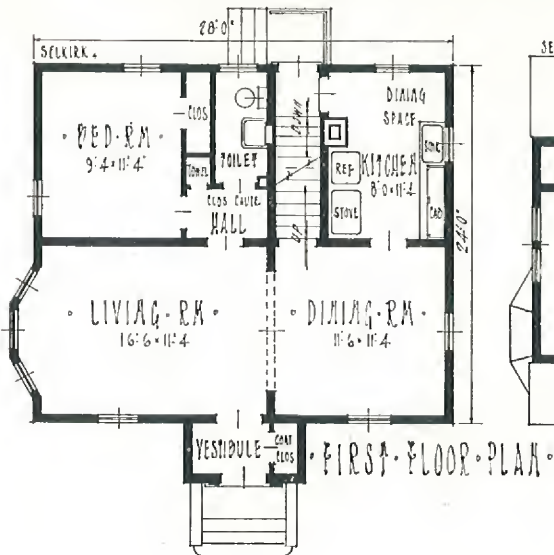
SIX  
ROOMS

28 x 24  
FEET



Here is a moderate cost Cape Cod house so remarkable in simplicity of design and so practical that it deserves special study by the prospective home builder. It has just about everything that could be desired in

a house of this size. Three bedrooms, with lavatory on ground floor and bath upstairs. Another highly desirable feature is its wealth of closet space so necessary for living comfort.



The vestibule, with coat closet, prevents chilling the living room when entering the house. For ordinary purposes, the dining space in the kitchen saves foot-work, and promotes convenience in serving meals.

The first floor bedroom is separated from the living room by a hall. The archway between living room and dining room gives a feeling of spaciousness.

The exterior has particular charm. You'll like the "Selkirk".

(15,500 Cubic Feet)





FOUR  
ROOMS

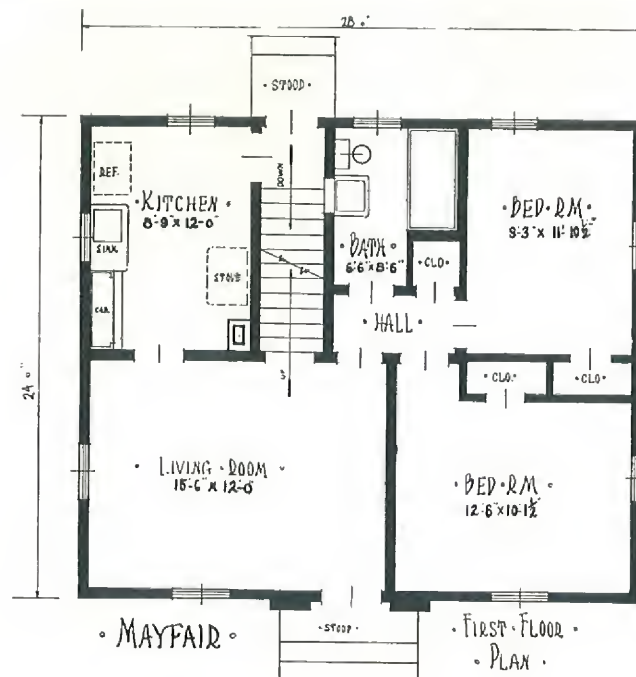
28 x 24  
FEET

Economy is the keynote of this small family bungalow. The lot is small and easy to pay for, and so is the house. It is easy to heat in the winter and the taxes will be low.

The housework, too, is easy, and with a step-ladder a woman can wash all the windows and put on the screens in spring. The lawn is small and can be easily mowed with a light-running mower. In the basement an oil heater, a washing machine and a drying room will make independence complete.

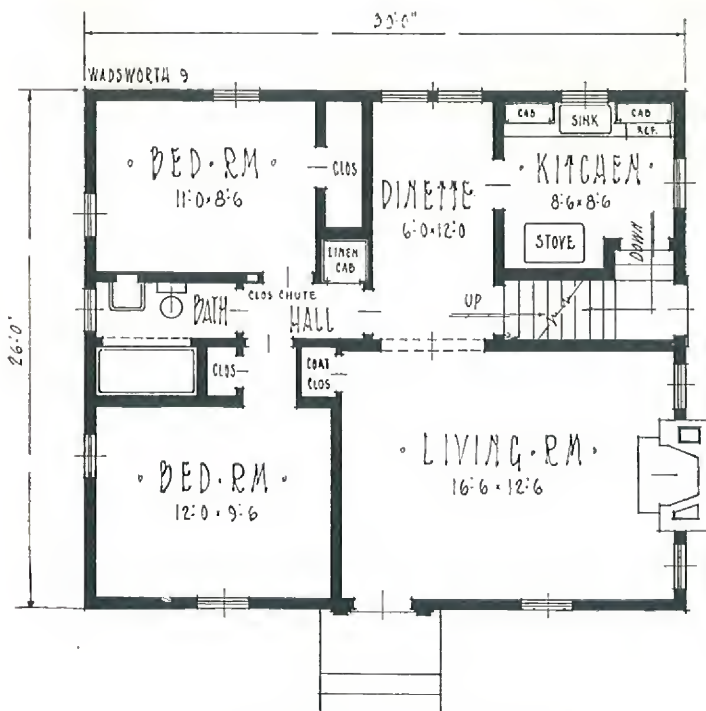
This little home can be made just as attractive, comfortable and cozy as it is economical.

(15,100 Cubic Feet)



FIVE  
ROOMS

30 x 26  
FEET

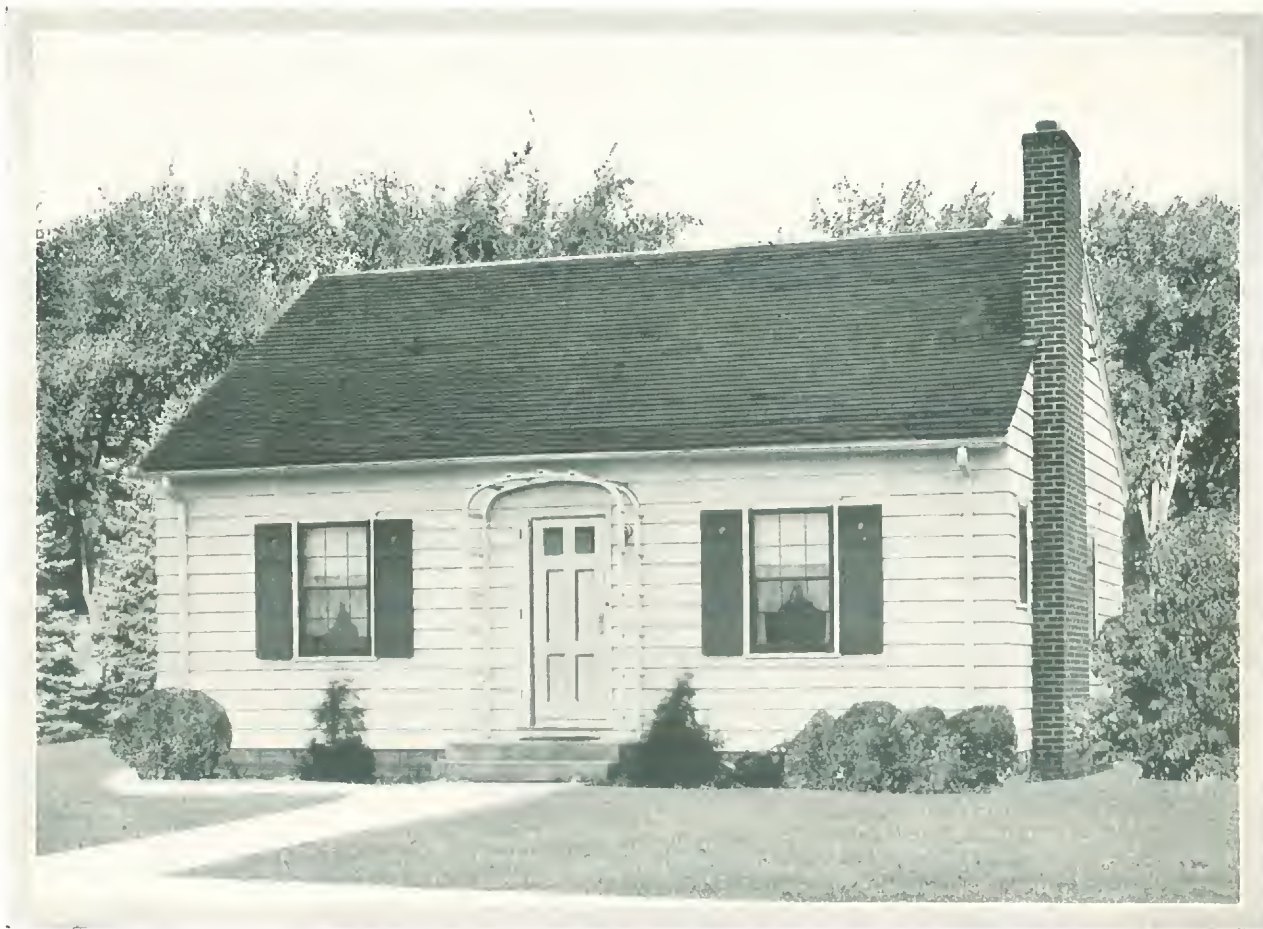


An inexpensive Cape Cod bungalow, designed for the limited purse. And yet it contains conveniences rarely found in a rented home. One who builds this economical little home wants no less, for instance, the enjoyment of his open fire-place. The designer has given the housewife's burdens thoughtful attention as will be seen in her workroom, the kitchen. In the attic is ample space for future bedrooms. The outside chimney saves room inside, and adds a touch of artistry and color to the exterior. One can pay for this home while enjoying its comforts, with monthly payments little if any larger than the rent of a far less attractive and convenient home.

(18,700 Cubic Feet)

• FIRST FLOOR PLAN •  
• WADSWORTH •





FOUR  
ROOMS

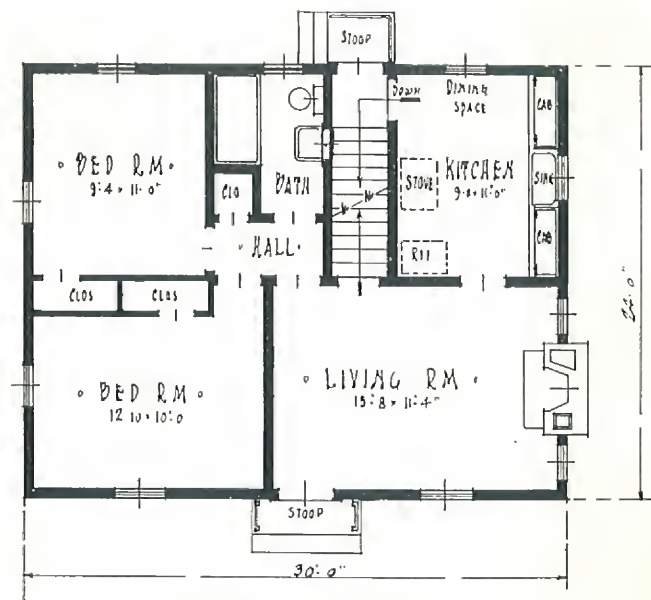
30 x 24  
FEET

The Colonial style has a charm all its own. This New England four room bungalow has a living room not too large to be warmed by the fireplace.

The home can be enlarged in the summer by building a terrace at the rear and having an awning over it or a shingled roof. Screening it will make a summer sun porch or dining room. And drop curtains can be added for protection against wind and rain.

With suitable planting and a vine covered entrance where could you find a more ideal honeymoon cottage? What young bride would not enjoy starting housekeeping in this delightful home?

(16,200 Cubic Feet)



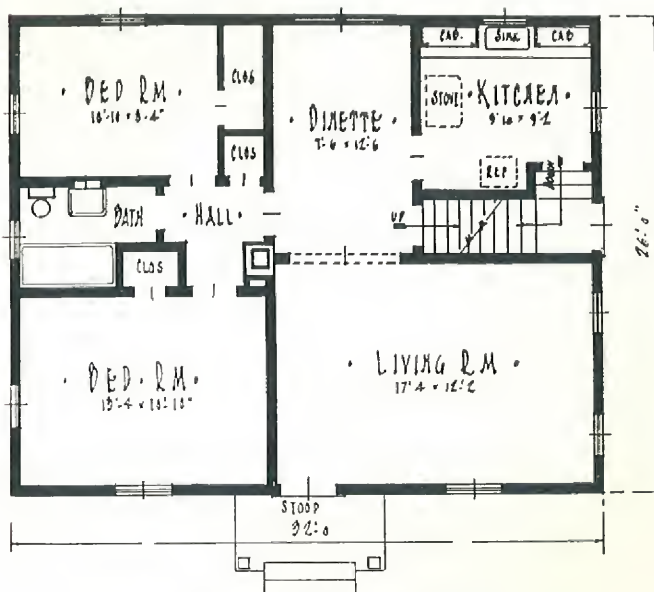
• FIRST FLOOR PLAN •  
• GORMAN •

# The MEDFORD

SELECTED SMALL HOMES

FIVE  
ROOMS

32 x 26  
FEET



• FIRST FLOOR PLAN • MEDFORD •

We still have the war and all of the depression to pay for through high taxes for many years to come. Therefore many people of modest income wisely build small homes with minimum mortgage payments, taxes, and upkeep.

This small Colonial bungalow has everything in it that a small family really needs, a charming exterior, a living room of good size with ample wall space for furniture, and a well arranged kitchen and dinette, with bedrooms and bath well separated from the living quarters.

Modern insulation makes it possible to have an upstairs sewing room or bedroom that is comfortable through winter cold and summer heat; and a full size basement means plenty of room "below decks."

(18,300 Cubic Feet)





FOUR  
ROOMS

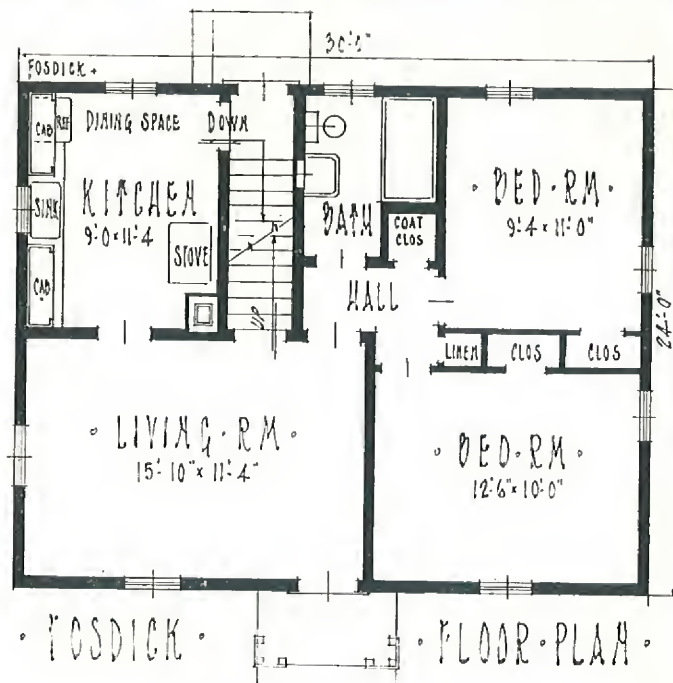
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FEET

To transplant one's family from a stuffy apartment or a run-down rented dwelling into this neat little cottage will open a new life to them. It is an inexpensive home to build and upkeep will be small. Sunshine a-plenty, air from four exposures. Storage space in the attic, and one might sleep there if necessary.

The front porch gives an air of hospitality, betokens comforts inside. Sleeping quarters and bath apart from daytime space. Dining space in kitchen suggests quick meals convenient to stove, cabinets and sink. Plenty of closet room, too.

A neat little two-bedroom house, easy to finance and pay for like rent, with more solid comfort than rent money can buy. Attractive outside appearance, also.

(14,500 Cubic Feet)

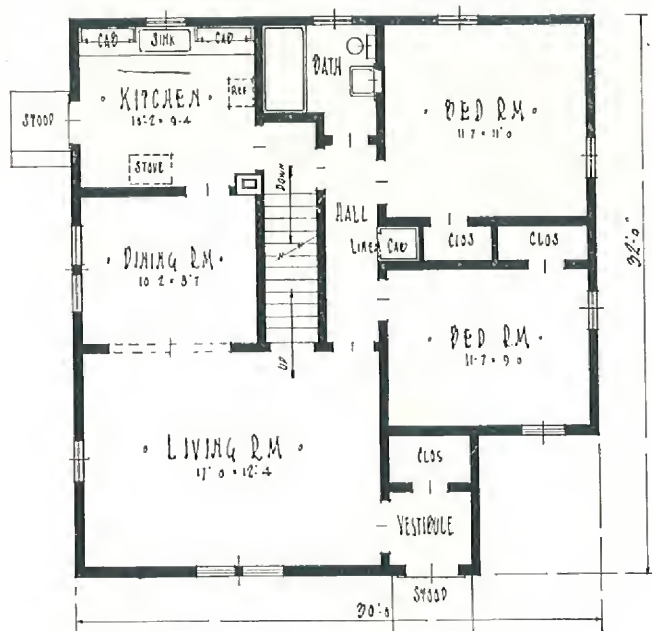


# The MONROE

SELECTED SMALL HOMES

FIVE  
ROOMS

30 x 32  
FEET



• FIRST FLOOR PLAN • MONROE •

This bungalow with a good big attic space makes a good arrangement for the young couples who may need more room later. And, a small but efficient heating plant leaves additional room in the basement for laundry, workshop or amusement room.

Both the mortgage payments and taxes on this home will be low, and so will the fuel bills, if it is properly weather-stripped and insulated.

Green blinds and roof and white shingle siding gives the exterior a pleasing Colonial effect.

(19,850 Cubic Feet)





FIVE  
ROOMS

34 x 26  
FEET

This bungalow has a number of attractive features. The Colonial exterior is always in good taste.

The wide lot gives a nice lawn in front and ample garden and garage space behind. The extra stall in a double garage might pay a good part of the fuel bills.

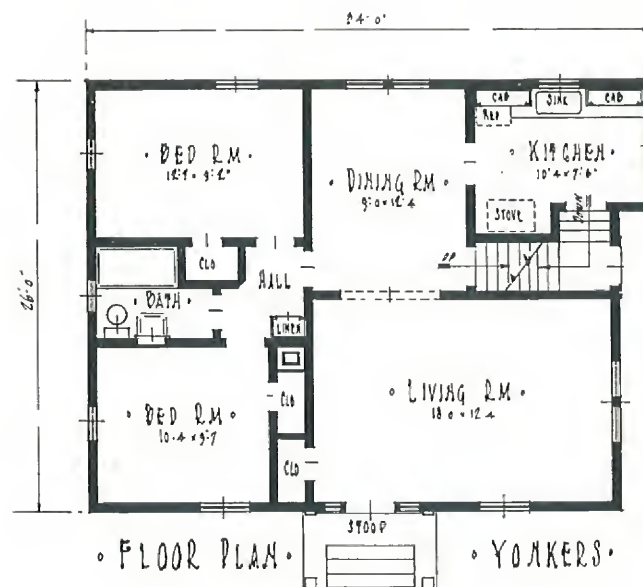
The large living room can accommodate large and comfortable furniture without crowding a piano, a big over-stuffed davenport, radio, and some easy chairs.

The kitchen has a window over the sink and room for more cupboards in one corner.

The bedrooms have cross ventilation.

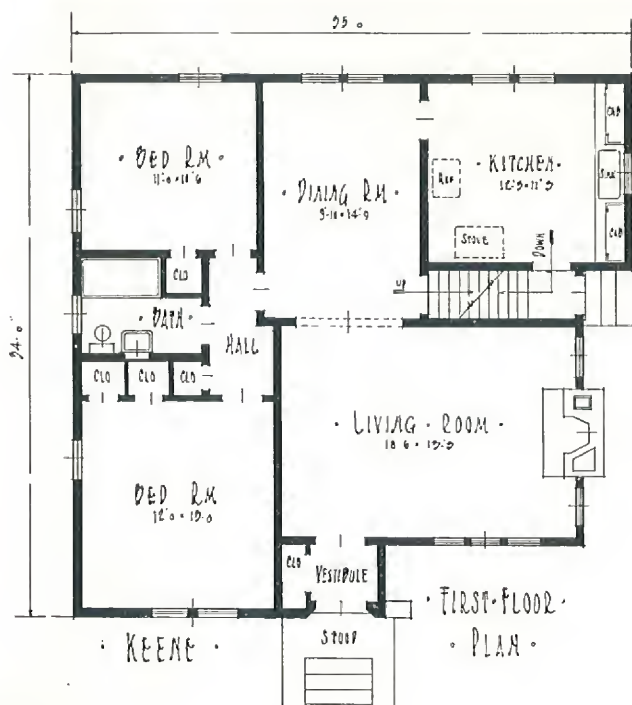
Bungalows naturally spread out and provide more basement room for laundry, storage and perhaps an amusement room.

(18,650 Cubic Feet)



FIVE  
ROOMS

35 x 34  
FEET



This spacious bungalow will nicely accommodate a family of six, if one room is finished off upstairs. The large living room, lighted by five windows, and made cheerful by a fireplace, still has ample wall space for comfortable furniture.

The "master bedroom" in front has space for twin beds, and note the two closets so conveniently placed.

Notice too, the many other closets and the built-in features. Nothing that contributes to the up-to-date well arranged home is lacking in this beautiful home.

Where could you find a better arranged small home?

(22,250 Cubic Feet)





FIVE  
ROOMS

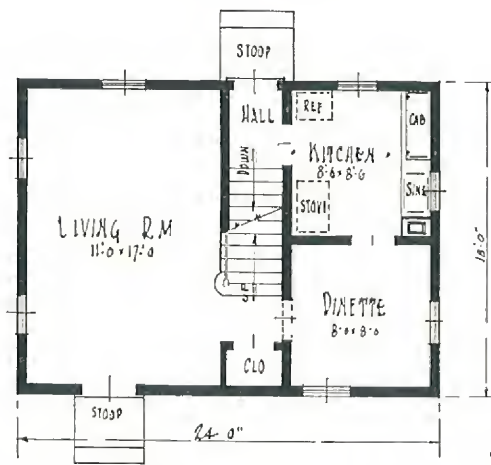
24x18  
FEET

The Dutch Colonial plan, on account of its gambrel roof, gives the largest amount of room for the size of the building. Thus it has both pleasing proportions and practical roominess. The ground area of this house is small enough to go on a lot of odd size which might be had for a bargain, even in the most desirable neighborhood. The kitchen and dinette are small to save steps where the most work is done, while the living room is large. One bedroom is large while the other one is smaller, yet large enough.

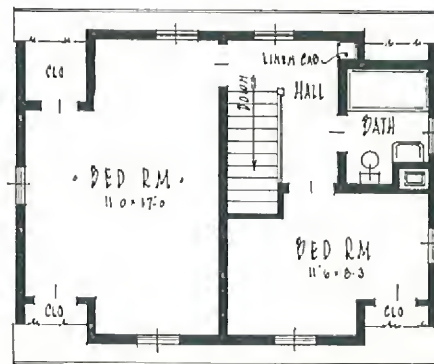
Colonial simplicity and refinement of detail characterize this economical two-story home. Every inch of space is used, well lighted and effectively arranged, and with plenty of wall space for furniture.

With careful landscaping this home will command admiration wherever built.

(11,250 Cubic Feet)



• FIRST FLOOR PLAN •



• WOODROW •  
• SECOND FLOOR PLAN •

FIVE  
ROOMS

28 x 20  
FEET



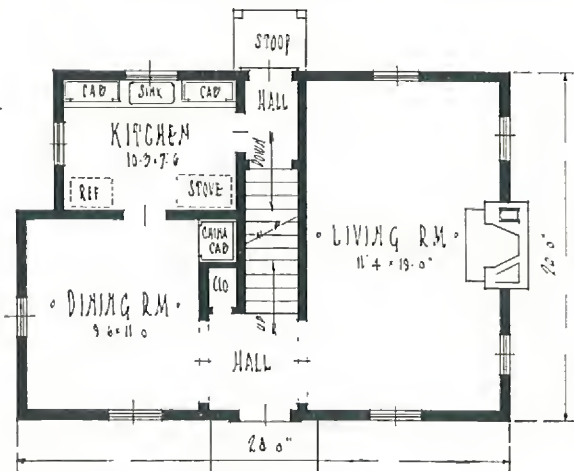
For the small family, requiring only two bedrooms this Cape Cod bungalow is ideal. The living room, running the full depth of the house, has windows on

three sides, a fireplace, and room for bookcases, piano, radio, lounge, table, and comfortable easy-chairs.

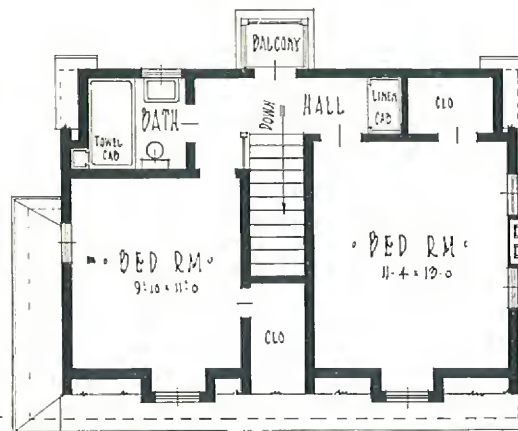
The dining room has a china closet; the kitchen is small and conveniently arranged; the central stairway is a desirable feature, and the closets upstairs are of good size, and an airing balcony at the rear helps the housewife.

On a forty-foot lot there is room for a driveway alongside the house.

(13,700 Cubic Feet)



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• SECOND FLOOR PLAN •  
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FIVE  
ROOMS

24x24  
FEET

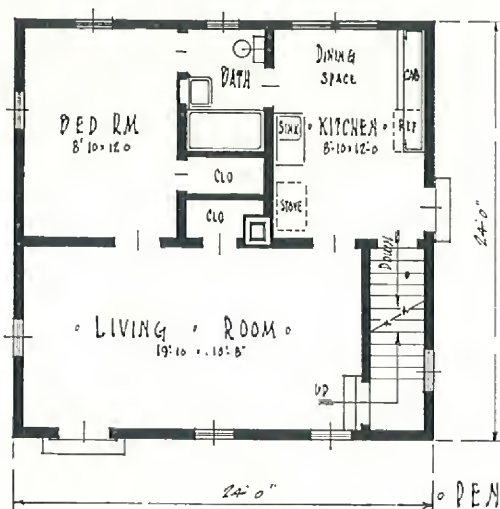
For the small family with modest income and simple tastes this home is ideal. A small house on a small lot, with consequent lower taxes, makes it easy to pay for. Well insulated, it provides both winter and summer comfort with extremely low fuel costs.

For the newly married couple the bedroom, bath, and large closets on the first floor make it possible to live all on one floor and let one or both bedrooms upstairs go unfinished until they are needed.

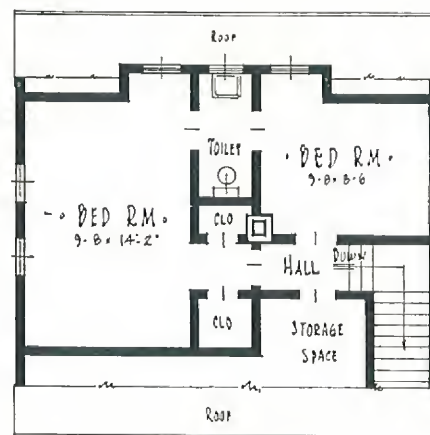
The couple whose children are married can likewise live on one floor and let children and other guests do the stair climbing.

The large living room makes entertaining easy.

(13,250 Cubic Feet)



• FIRST FLOOR PLAN •



• SECOND FLOOR PLAN •

SIX  
ROOMS

32 x 28  
FEET

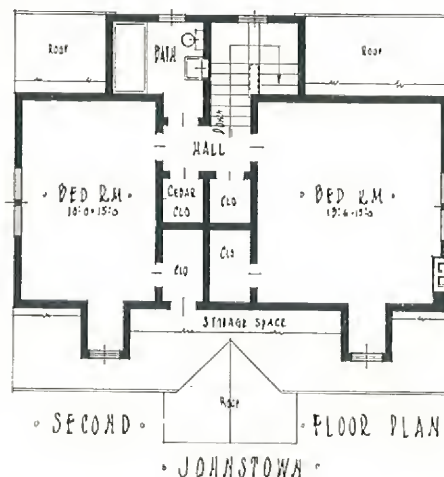
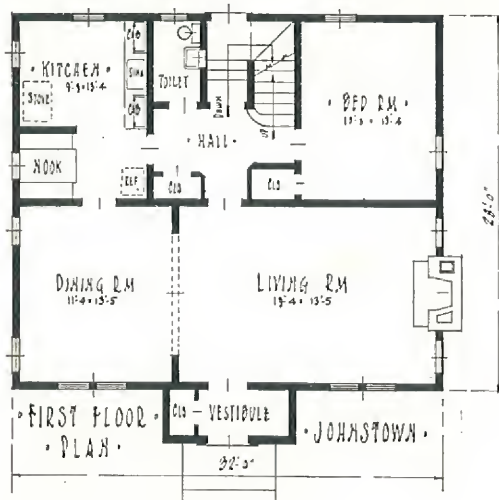


This home, in the Cape Cod style has all the conveniences that most families desire. It has three comfortable bedrooms and six closets, besides a coat

closet in the vestibule. It has a lavatory and toilet downstairs for the gardener member of the family, a breakfast nook, a fireplace at the end of a large living room with plenty of wall space for comfortable furniture, and a dining room, too, that will accommodate dinner guests.

The compactness of the house makes it comfortable, easy to care for and economical both to build and to heat.

(23,500 Cubic Feet)







FIVE  
ROOMS

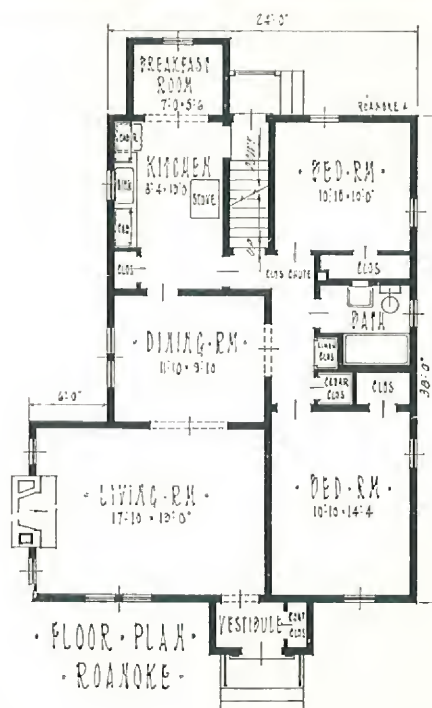
30 x 44  
FEET

A roomy two-bedroom home with ample attic space that can be used for sleeping quarters when there's company. The fireplace adds comfort to the living room and saves fuel during in-between weather.

The breakfast room off kitchen will be used almost entirely by the family, where everything is handy. The dining room for special occasions, especially for entertaining. Note the cedar closet for protection against moths.

Commodious bedroom closets, even one in kitchen, besides the cabinets. One side of the house for daytime activities, the other for sleeping quarters, and a place for retirement when the young folks have company. Cross ventilation in bedrooms and living room. A specially attractive exterior.

(22,500 Cubic Feet)



FIVE  
ROOMS  
AND  
DINETTE

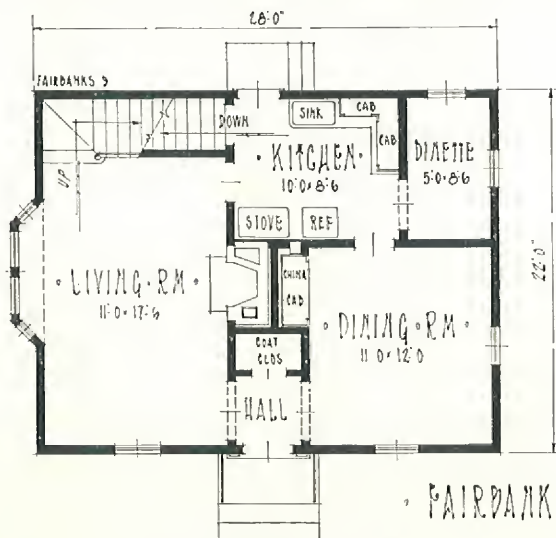
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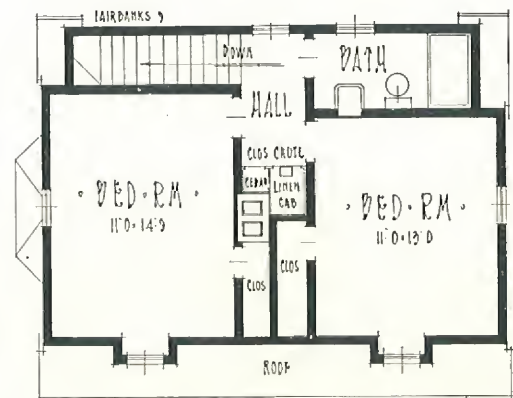
A compact Cape Cod Colonial which offers much that is usually found in larger, more expensive homes. While small in foundation dimensions—an important point, considering cost of building, as well as of heating—it has some charming features. Large dining rooms are rarely needed for family purposes when there is a dinette. The accessibility of the kitchen to the dining room makes it easy to entertain an unusual

number of guests. The living room with its fireplace and bay window, and stairs rising from the rear, is a room of great charm. The upstairs is simplicity itself. The whole house may be called the house of thrift. The exterior, shingled or clap-boarded, with its neat brick porch and steps lends an air of homeness.

(15,000 Cubic Feet)



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• SECOND FLOOR PLAN •



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